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SUBJECT: ARMY CINC ALVAREZ REACTS TO ACCUSATION AGAINST
URUGUAYAN MILITARY MISSION IN WASHINGTON

1. SUMMARY. ARMY CINC GENERAL ALVAREZ HAS OFFICIALLY COMMUNICATED TO CHARGE HIS SERIOUS CONCERN OVER ALLEGATION THAT DC METROPOLITAN POLICE THINK URUGUAYAN MILITARY MISSION WASHINGTON IS SOURCE OF TELEPHONE CALLS THREATENING LIFE OF URUGUAYAN EXILE JUAN FERREIRA, WHICH APPEARED IN JUNE 30 JACK ANDERSON WASHINGTON POST COLUMN. ALVAREZ DENIES ANY OFFICIAL INVOLVEMENT OF URUGUAYAN ARMED FORCES AND PROMISED TO ROOT OUT AND PUT A STOP TO ANY SUCH ACTIONS BY A GOU OFFICIAL IF WE CAN FURNISH ANY EVIDENCE OF SUCH. ALVAREZ HAS ASKED CHARGE OFFICIALLY TO TRANSMIT HIS CONCERN TO THE DEPARTMENT AND TO ASK THE DEPARTMENT TO SHARE WITH HIM ANY INFORMATION THAT USG MAY HAVE ON THIS SUBJECT. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION DEPARTMENT CAN FURNISH FOR TRANSMITTAL TO GEN. ALVAREZ. END SUMMARY.

2. AFTERNOON JULY 3 ARMY INTELLIGENCE CHIEF COL. DE ARMAS TELEPHONED CHARGE TO TRANSMIT FOLLOWING OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION FROM ARMY CINC GENERAL GREGORIO ALVAREZ. ALVAREZ IS VERY DISTURBED BY ALLEGATION THAT DC METROPOLITAN POLICE
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THINK CALLS THREATENING THE LIFE OF URUGUAYAN EXILE JUAN FERREIRA MAY BE COMING FROM THE URUGUAYAN MILITARY MISSION IN WASHINGTON, AS APPEARED IN JUNE 30 WASHINGTON POST JACK ANDERSON COLUMN. ALVAREZ DENIES ANY OFFICIAL INVOLVEMENT OF URUGUAYAN ARMED FORCES IN ACTIONS OF THIS NATURE, WHICH ARE CONTRARY TO ITS POLICIES AND TRADITIONS. IF WE HAVE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING SUCH INVOLVEMENT BY ANY MEMBER

OF THE URUGUAYAN MILITARY MISSION IN WASHINGTON OR OTHER GOU OFFICIAL ALVAREZ WOULD APPRECIATE US SHARING IT WITH HIM ON AN OFFICIAL AND CONFIDENTIAL BASIS SO THAT HE CAN TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO ROOT IT OUT AND PUT A STOP TO IT. ALVAREZ ASKS THAT CHARGE OFFICIALLY TRANSMIT THIS MESSAGE TO THE DEPARTMENT.

3. CHARGE ACKNOWLEDGED RECEIPT OF ALVAREZ' MESSAGE REPEATING ITS CONTENTS TO COL. DE ARMAS. HE TOLD DE ARMAS THAT HE WOULD TRANSMIT MESSAGE TO WASHINGTON AND AWAIT RESPONSE.

4. DE ARMAS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION FROM ALVAREZ IS FOLLOW-UP TO PRIVATE MEETING WHICH CHARGE HAD WITH COL. DE ARMAS ON SATURDAY, JULY 1. CHARGE AND ARMY ATTACHE COL. MOLLER RECEIVED COL. DE ARMAS AT MOLLER'S HOME EVENING JULY 1 IN RESPONSE TO DE ARMAS' REQUEST TO MEET WITH HIM AS EMISSARY OF GENERAL ALVAREZ. AT THAT MEETING, WHICH DE ARMAS CHARACTERIZED AS INFORMAL APPROACH ON BEHALF OF ALVAREZ, WE DISCUSSED JACK ANDERSON COLUMN AT SOME LENGTH. DE ARMAS INCIDENTALLY WAS ONE OF THE SELECTED ARMED FORCES OFFICIALS TO WHOM WE COMMUNICATED SEVERAL MONTHS AGO REPORT OF TELEPHONE THREATS AGAINST JUAN FERREIRA AND REPORTED ALLEGATIONS OF URUGUAYAN MILITARY MISSION INVOLVEMENT. AT THAT TIME WE STRESSED TO THESE KEY MILITARY OFFICERS THE EXTREME GRAVITY OF SUCH CHARGES, WHICH HAD BEEN MADE CONFIDENTIAL

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A MATTER OF OFFICIAL RECORD IN U.S. AND URGED THEM TO LOOK INTO THEM AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO ASSURE THAT NO OFFICIAL OF THE GOU WAS INVOLVED. FOLLOWING JULY 1 MEETING DE ARMAS HAD THANKED US FOR FRANKLY DISCUSSING SUBJECT WITH HIM. HE ASKED US TO TREAT DISCUSSION AS INFORMAL APPROACH AND TO TAKE NO ACTION UNTIL ALVAREZ HAD OPPORTUNITY TO DELIBERATE AFTER WHICH HE WOULD COMMUNICATE FURTHER WITH US. JULY 3 OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION IS PRESUMABLY RESULT OF THESE DELIBERATIONS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S FURNISHING ANY INFORMATION WHICH I CAN TRANSMIT TO GENERAL ALVAREZ TOGETHER WITH APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS.
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